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**OFFICE OF  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**DEFINITION OF AN AFFECTED LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION\***

The program provides financial assistance to eligible affected local community-based organizations working on or planning to work on projects to address local environmental and/or public health concerns. An affected local community-based organization (LCBO) is defined for this grant program as an entity/organization that is: (1) at the most basic level of the organizational hierarchy such as a grassroots group/neighborhood organization that is not affiliated with a larger national, regional or state organization; (2) located in the same area as the environmental and/or public health problem that is described in the application and where the residents of the affected community reside; (3) focused primarily on addressing the environmental and/or public health problems of the residents of the affected community; and (4) comprised primarily of members of the affected community. "Affected" is defined as being in the locale which is influenced or altered by the environmental/public health problem. An applicant must meet all of the above requirements and must explain how it fits each of those requirements in the application. An applicant must be a nonprofit organization as demonstrated through designation by the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501 (c)(3) organization in order to receive Federal funds under this grant program.

Individuals; universities; state, local, and tribal governments; water districts or similar entities; large non-governmental organizations such as national environmental groups; environmental justice networks; local chapters of large non-governmental organizations or networks; or organizations that are not located in the affected communities where the projects are located are not eligible to receive Federal funds under this grant program.

\*only applies to Office of Environmental Justice Funded Programs